

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to restrict the claimed method to the operation of a vehicle, and remedy the new matter objection. In particular, the claim now provides for storing the encrypted data in the reversible read-only memory of the motor vehicle controller, and providing a comparison of the encrypted data stored in the reversible read-only memory of the controller with decrypted data in internal memory of the microprocessor of the controller, where the encrypting step comprises using a key in the encryption process, and the key comprises at least one part of at least one original identifier of at least one module of the controller, the module selected from the group consisting of the at least one memory module and the at least one microcomputer of the motor vehicle controller, which identifier is specific to the at least one module. In addition, claims 8-11 have been canceled.

The remaining claims in the application have been rejected as being unpatentable over Ikeda et al in view of Collins et al or Ikeda et al in view of Collins et al and in view of Yeung et al. In response to such rejections, Applicant submits that such combinations of references do not render the claimed invention obvious because Ikeda et al fails to address the problem of protecting against manipulation of a motor vehicle controller which may adversely affect the operation of a component of a motor vehicle. The portable electronic medium disclosed in Ikeda et al is intended for use with devices such as a personal computer, a cellular phone, an electronic camera and a communication interface. It provides for the device having a card slot design to receive a memory card equal in size to a postage stamp. The communication interface requires a connection to the internet, an example of which is a modem. Collins et al similarly is intended for use with computer systems involved in data communications and transactions over the internet. It further does not teach any modifications of Ikeda et al to arrive at a

method for preventing the improper replacement of modules in a vehicle which may affect the operation of a controller of a vital operation of the vehicle.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 1-6 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.030.US0000.

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